

reduce, lower, or injuriously affect its quality and strength and had been substituted wholly or in part for the said article.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement "Net Contents 5 Ounces," borne on the label, was false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser, and in that the article was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On July 27, 1927, Kockos Bros., Inc., San Francisco, Calif., having appeared as claimant for the property and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be delivered to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a good and sufficient bond, conditioned in part that it be made to conform with the Federal food and drugs act under the supervision of this department.

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

15712. Adulteration of chestnuts. U. S. v. 20 Bags, et al, of Chestnuts. Consent decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 22305 to 22311, incl. I. S. Nos. 14898-x, 14899-x, 14900-x, 20726-x, 20727-x, 20728-x, 20729-x. S. No. 346.)

On December 20, 1927, the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 84 bags of chestnuts, at San Juan, P. R., alleging that the article had been shipped by Thomas Pipitone, Inc., New York, N. Y., on or about December 1, 1927, to Porto Rico, and was being offered for sale and sold by various consignees, namely, Luina Hnos. Sucs, Manual Quintana & Hno., Sucs. de F. Font y Hno., Sucs. de A. Suarez & Co., Casanovas & Company, Sucs. de Jose Fernandez, and Fuertes y. Rodriguez, all of San Juan, P. R., and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

It was alleged in the libels that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid vegetable substance.

On December 28, 1927, Thomas Pipitone, Inc., New York, N. Y., and Luina Hnos. Sucs., Manual Quintana & Hno., Sucs. de F. Font y Hno., Sucs. de A. Suarez & Co., Casanovas & Co., Sucs. de Jose Fernandez, and Fuertes y Rodriguez, all of San Juan, P. R., having appeared as claimants and owners of respective lots of the product, and said claimants having confessed the said libels, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

15713. Adulteration of fig bars. U. S. v. 3 Boxes of Fig Bars. Default decree of destruction entered. (F. & D. No. 22314. I. S. No. 13090-x. S. No. 359.)

On December 21, 1927, the United States attorney for the District of Utah, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 3 boxes of fig bars, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Salt Lake City, Utah, alleging that the article had been shipped by the Andrews-Wilmans Biscuit Co., from San Francisco, Calif., on or about December 2, 1927, and transported from the State of California into the State of Utah, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that each of the said fig bars showed the presence of worms, and in that the said article consisted wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid vegetable substance.

On February 4, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, a decree was entered ordering that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

15714. Adulteration of canned sardines. U. S. v. 8 Cases of Casco Brand American Sardines. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22422. I. S. No. 21038-x. S. No. 520.)

On February 6, 1928, the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 8 cases of Casco Brand American Sardines, remaining in the original un-